

# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Producers across Colorado received very little, if any, precipitation last week. Temperatures across the state were right around average for this time of year. These conditions allowed farmers 6.8 days in the field.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT							
	Very Short Short Adequate Sur						
This Week	7	20	72	1			
Last Week	4	15	79	2			
Last Year	1	9	75	15			

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT							
Very Short Short Adequate							
This Week	5	20	75	0			
Last Week	4	16	80	0			
Last Year	4	24	65	7			

**Small Grains:** Winter wheat was 68 percent turning color, 21 percent ripe, and 8 percent harvested by the end of the week. This remains behind the 5-year average and the crop continues to be rated in mostly good condition. Spring barley was 56 percent headed at week's end and 9 percent was turning color with the crop rated in mostly good condition. Spring wheat was 41 percent headed with 6 percent turning color by week's end. The crop condition remained in mostly fair to good.

**Row Crops:** The corn and dry onion crops were rated in mostly good condition. Sorghum planting progressed to 99 percent complete compared with 89 percent for the 5-year average. Emergence reached 86 percent, ahead of the 5-year average of 68 percent with the crop rated in mostly good condition. Producers continued planting sunflowers and ended the week at 94 percent complete, slightly ahead of the usual pace. The crop was rated in mostly good to fair condition

### SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT 1/

Week ending June 27, 2010								
	Very	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent			
	Poor							
	Wi	nter Wh	eat					
This Week	2	5	21	60	12			
Last Year	1	9	19	50	21			
	Spring Barley							
This Week	0	4	37	50	9			
Last Year	0	0	20	48	32			
Spring Wheat								
This Week	0	5	44	42	9			
Last Year	0	0	19	40	41			

Summer potatoes were rated in mostly good condition at the end of the week. Fall potato emergence in the San Luis Valley reached 99 percent by week's end, ahead of the 5-year average of 92 percent. The fall potato crop, as well as Colorado's sugarbeets, are rated in mostly good condition. Dry beans were 95 percent emerged and rated in mostly good condition for the week.

**Pasture, Range and Hay:** Pasture and range feed conditions remain in mostly good to fair condition, slightly behind the ratings at this time last year. Farmers continued cutting alfalfa hay last week with 85 percent of the 1<sup>st</sup> cutting now complete. The hay crop is rated in mostly good condition.

**Livestock:** Death losses for cattle were slightly below average and sheep were at average for the week. Stored feed supplies remain at average for this time of year.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending June 27, 2010							
	Very	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel		
	Poor				-lent		
Pasture & Range-2010	2	8	29	52	9		
Prev. Year – 2009	1	7	27	50	15		
5-Year Avg.	11	18	29	34	8		

### **COLORADO CROP PROGRESS**

Development Ratings for Week Ending June 27, 2010

<u>Item</u>	This Week	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Turning Color	68	41	79	85
Ripe	21	4	12	39
Harvested	8	N/A	3	12
Spring Barley				
Headed	56	38	30	55
Turning Color	9	6	1	6
Spring Wheat				
Headed	41	35	28	50
Turning Color	6	4	2	7
Sorghum				
Planted	99	94	76	89
Emerged	86	57	55	68
Headed	0	0	1	1
Sunflowers				
Planted	94	85	93	92
Dry Beans				
Emerged	95	79	60	68
Fall Potatoes				
Emerged	99	93	97	92
Alfalfa				
1 <sup>st</sup> Cutting	85	79	74	82

### **COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Very Poor</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Fair</u>	Good	<u>Excellent</u>
Livestock	0	1	10	83	6
Corn	0	4	14	65	17
Sorghum	0	4	26	67	3
Dry Onions	1	1	13	70	15
Dry Beans	1	4	38	52	5
Alfalfa	0	2	25	59	14
Sugarbeets	0	2	16	74	8
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>	0	0	0	91	9
Fall Potatoes	0	3	32	58	7
Sunflowers	1	3	31	62	3

<sup>1/</sup> Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.